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A review of experiences worldwide and of present knowledge about fish aggregating devices (FADs) was carried out by the BOBP during 1981. Nearly 150 institutions and experts were requested to contribute. This paper draws on these replies as also on other published material.

The paper describes a spectrum of FADs ranging from very simple and cheap traditional applications for nearshore waters to modern, highly sophisticated and expensive products for off-shore aggregation of tunas and tuna-like fishes.

Some of the experimental designs described here are worth considering for indicative fishing trials.

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